

THE ANGEL OF PEACE

comfort," wrote Catherine to him ; " God has
provided for you,
and will provide, and His providence will not fail you.

In all
things have recourse to Mary, embracing the holy
Cross ; do not
yourself ever fall into confusion of mind, but sail
over the
pestuous sea in the bark of the Divine Mercy."

For her
part, she humbly confesses that the Pope is right if
he complains
her negligence, and promises to obey his
commands more
loyally for the future. May God give His vicar grace

to throw
himself like a lamb into the midst of the wolves,
setting aside
and putting away from himself the care of temporal
things, to
attend only to spiritual. " If he does this (which

the Divine
goodness demands of him), the lamb will lord
it over the
lives, and the wolves will become lambs; and thus
shall we

: the glory and praise of God, the welfare and
peace of Holy
Church. In no other way can it be done ; not with

war, but
with peace and benignity, and with that holy spiritual
punish-

ment that a father should give to his son
when he does
Wrong."

Then, suddenly, Catherine turns to address the
Pope directly.
O alas, alas! most holy Father, would that you
had done this
first day that you came to your own place ! I
hope in the
 goodness of God and in your Holiness that you will
do what is
: done, and in this way both temporal and spiritual
things will
be gained back. This is what God bade you do (as
you know
that you were told), to bring about the reformation of

the Church
punishing what was wrong and planting virtuous
pastors, and
t you should seize a holy peace with your undutiful
children,
.he best way and the one most pleasing to God
that could be
nd; so that you could then begin to
restore, by lifting
the banner of the most holy Cross against the
infidels. I
ieve that our negligence and not doing what can
be done, not
h cruelty nor with war, but with peace and
kindness (always
lishing those who have sinned, not according to
their deserts,
according to what they can bear), are, perhaps,
the cause of
h great ruin and loss and irreverence towards Holy
Church
her ministers having come upon us, as now is.
And I fear